

City of Salisbury Fire Department



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TO: All Fire Department Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Firefighters of the Year, 2007

It is with extreme pride that I announce the 2007 Salisbury Fire Department Firefighters of the Year.

Veteran Firefighter of the Year: Fire Captain Mark Thompson. Currently assigned to Fire Station 3, Captain Thompson is a 19 year member of the Salisbury Fire Department. He has served the City of Salisbury and the Fire Department in many aspects including the City's Benefits Committee, the Fire Department's Policy Development and Review Committee, the Relay for Life Team, the Muscular Dystrophy fund raising team and the Customer Service Committee. He is a certified firefighter who holds a degree in Fire Science Technology, is a Hazmat Technician and Rescue Technician. Mark has been involved in several award winning customer service activities. He is a leader in the fire department who inspires and trains the younger members the necessary skills to be safe and effective firefighters. He is a Fire Service instructor through Rowan Cabarrus Community College. Mark has 4 children, Melissa, Jennifer, John and Chase, and is married to wife, Melonie, a Lieutenant at the Salisbury Police Department.

Rookie Firefighter of the Year: Fire Control Specialist Shawn McBride. McBride started with the Salisbury Fire Department on March 31, 2006, after attending Catawba College and earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business. While at Catawba Shawn was a two time all American and a three time all regional, all-conference linebacker for the football team. Shawn has excelled in his Rookie Training in terms of time and grades. He earned the highest possible grade in his end of course testing, a 100%. He has recently attended the advanced hazardous material technician certification programs offered by the NC Office of State Fire Marshal. Shawn and Allison have three children Brooklyn, Lilly and Tristen.

Part-time Firefighter: PT FCS Kevin Dodd. Kevin has been a part-time firefighter with the Salisbury Fire Department since the inception of the program in April 2005. He is a certified Firefighter, Fire Officer and Emergency Medical Technician. Kevin and LeAnn have three children Kara, Kaitlin, and Aaron.

These members will represent the fire department at various functions and activities throughout 2007.

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